

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MOTHER GERTRUDE PIERSON TAYLOR



St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 South 52nd Street, Richmond, CA

Service
Thursday, October 30, 2003, 11:00 am

Officiating
Dr. Reverend Kevin B. Hall - Pastor

Obituary

Gertrude Pierson Taylor

Mother Gertrude P. Taylor was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana on January 31, 1914 to the late Mitchell Pierson and Rebecca Burton. She met and married the late Willie Taylor; they were married 49 years. Through this union two daughters were born, Brenda and Wilda. A younger sister, Katie Pierson-White, came to live with them.

Mother Taylor accepted Christ at an early age; she attended the Stoner Hill Baptist church, Shreveport, LA. She joined Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, CA under the directorship of the late Rev. Joseph Jacobs. In 1968, she moved her membership to St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Richmond, CA. where she was active until her death.

Mother Taylor attended Centenary College in Shreveport, LA. She worked as a student Supervisor for the Richmond Unified School District, Richmond, CA. She was an active and faithful member of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Mother's Ministry Board. Mother Taylor served as the past Northern District President of the California State Association of Colored Women's Clubs; served as (CSACWC) Life Membership Chairperson. She also organized numerous clubs under this association; served as President of the Criterion Club, Richmond, CA. and in various other capacities of this association; she was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; member of the Commission on Aging for the City of Richmond; member of the Parchester Senior Citizens group, in which she served as President, and 2nd Vice-President; organized the Girl's Scout troop of Parchester Village, Richmond, CA.; was a volunteer at Napa State Hospital; a member of Twelve-Together Social Club, Oakland, CA. Mother Taylor was the recipient of many wards for outstanding community service; Her hobbies included traveling, dancing, being a devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and loved to bring joy and love to others, known as "Granny Taylor."; she was truly that friend indeed when a friend was in need.

Mother Taylor departed this earth on October 23, 2003, after 89 wonderful years. She was truly a Christian woman with unconditional love for anyone who came across her path.

Mother Taylor leaves to cherish in her memory two daughters, Brenda Sweeney, and Wilda Taylor of Richmond, CA.; one grandson, Sherman Maurice Sweeney, Jr., of Richmond, CA.; two grand-daughters, Brittany Monk-Sweeney, of Sacramento, CA. and Rebecca Taylor of Richmond, CA; one great grandson, DeVonte Maurice Sweeney; ten sisters and brother-in-laws; Eula and James Johnson, Los Angeles, CA; Katie White, Berkeley, CA; Sarah and John Landers, Houston, TX; Annie and John Thompson, Natchitoches, LA; Eva and Berlin Hayes, Sun City, CA; Gloria and Rodney Wilson, Natchitoches, LA; Bettye and Louis Williams, Houston, TX; Katherine and Charles Lovelace, Shreveport, LA; Lorraine and Roland Beasley, Pineville, NC; and Susan Williams, Los Angeles, CA; 33 nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives, god children and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture Old Testament (Psalms 90:10)
New Testament (John 14:1-6)

Minister Alvin Armstrong
Minister Metrice Williams

Prayer

Minister Melvin Williams

Choir

Gaye Williams

Acknowledgments/Resolutions

Sister Judy McCormies

Proclamation

Isiah Turner
Richmond City Manager
Mother Lillian Daniels
California State Association of
Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.
(Northern District)

Choir

Expressions

(2 minutes)

Dr. Reverend Charles Belcher,
Richmond City Council
(Pastor, Resurrection AME Church
Richmond, CA)
Reverend Ernest Posey
(Associate Pastor, Davis Chapel
CME Church, Richmond, CA)

Family and Friends (Six people, please)
"A Poem for Mama"

Sister Brenda Sweeney
Sister Wilda Taylor

Solo

Minister Cynthia Harris

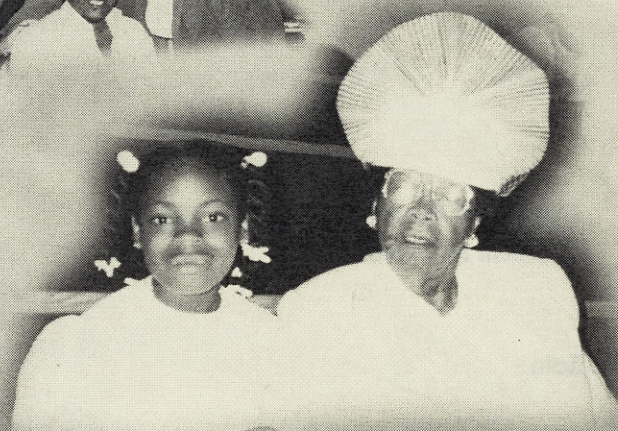
Words of Comfort

Parting View

Processional

Dr. Kevin B. Hall
McNary-Morgan-Greene & Jackson

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California







A POEM FOR MAMA

GOD Said "Let There Be Light"
And there was your smile
That brightens our path when we stray

GOD Said "Let There Be Stars"
And there were your eyes
That twinkle with pride and joy
As you watched over us

GOD Said "Let There Be Music"
And there was your voice
That had neighbors listening outside your
window
And has Church Members shouting with Joy

GOD Said "Let There be Faith"
And there was your heart
That is Loving and Giving
Sometimes leaving you without

GOD Said "Let the World be beautiful and
wonderful and good"
and HE created you, Our MOM...

Brenda Sweeney
&
Wilda Taylor

PALLBEARERS

**Deacon Arthur Lee Johnson
Brother Clarence Johnson
Brother Gary White**

**Deacon Mitch Newman
Deacon Rudy Johnson
Brother Ardis Taylor, Jr.**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

**Brother Louis Allen
Brother James Johnson
Brother James Sweeney
Brother Brett H. Sweeney**

**Brother Berlin Hayes
Minister Eldreadge Wright
Brother Sherman Sweeney, Jr.
Brother Provie C. Howard**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ST JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; if so, we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friends could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part, May God bless you.

The family of Gertrude Pierson Taylor

